

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
1:07CR32**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Vs.

RODNEY LAMONT ALLEN.

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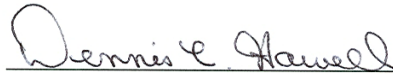
ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard and was heard before the undersigned, pursuant to a letter from the defendant to United States District Judge Lacy Thornburg that was received by Judge Thornburg on December 17, 2007 and further, a letter sent by the defendant to Judge Thornburg received on September 5, 2007. In the two letters the defendant request that substitute counsel be substituted for his present attorney in this matter. Judge Thornburg has now referred the matter on to the undersigned for hearing. Upon the call of the matter it appeared that the defendant was present, that his attorney Janna D. Allison was present and that the Government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney, Corey Ellis. From the statements of the defendant the court finds that the defendant has now discussed his case with Ms. Allison and that he is satisfied with Ms. Allison's representation of him in this matter. The defendant stated he wishes to withdraw his request for substitution of counsel. It appearing to the undersigned, after inquiry of the defendant, that it is his desire to withdraw the letters and the request.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, **ORDERED** that the letters of the defendant received on September 5, 2007 and December 17, 2007 and considered by the court as motions for the substitution of counsel are withdrawn by the defendant and are hereby **DENIED** and **DISMISSED**.

Signed: January 10, 2008



Dennis L. Howell
United States Magistrate Judge

